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[11.](#) (C) Ambassador had a second conversation with Foreign Minister Salah al-Bashir on February 12, regarding Jordan's position on recognizing Kosovo independence. Bashir indicated that Jordan understood the logic of the U.S./EU stand, but would be unable to act prior to the OIC and Arab League summits in March. However, the Jordanians anticipated that no consensus on recognizing Kosovo would emerge from either summit, freeing member states to act as they saw fit. While Jordan had some concerns that Kosovo independence could set a precedent for problems closer to home, such as the dismemberment of Iraq, Bashir anticipated that Jordan would find it easier to support our position once the summits were behind us.

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